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SUBJECT: ANTITRUST: SWISS WATCHES

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1. ON JULY 28 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICIALS MET WITH ATTORNEYS FOR SSIH AND U.S. DISTRIBUTORS. THEY HAD FULL DISCUSSION OF CASE INCLUDING POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES FOR SETTLEMENT. THUS, THAT PORTION OF JACOBI LETTER ON MEETING WITH ATTORNEYS HAS BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS.

2. ON JULY 30 NEWLY ARRIVED MINISTER OF SWISS EMBASSY HOHL AND FIRST SECRETARY HENTSCH MET WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS CASE. THEY REITERATED POINTS RAISED IN JACOBI LETTER, BUT SAID THAT MEETING BETWEEN SWISS EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND JUSTICE AT THIS TIME NOT RPT NOT NECESSARY.

3. JUSTICE INTENDS TO PURSUE NORMAL PROCESSING OF CASE,
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INCLUDING POSSIBILITY THAT A CIVIL SUIT WILL BE BROUGHT.

HOWEVER, JUSTICE WILL TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT GOS VIEWS,
INCLUDING THOSE EXPRESSED BY AMB. JACOBI, AS WELL AS
MATTERS RAISED BY ATTORNEYS. IN CIVIL CASES, MUTUALLY
AGREED UPON CONSENT DECREE IS FREQUENTLY FILED WITH COURT
AFTER COMPLAINT IS FILED. IN A RELATIVELY FEW CASES, A

CONSENT DECREE IS ENTERED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH FILING OF
THE SUIT. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT SUCH AN
AGREEMENT WILL BE ACHIEVED, THESE OPTIONS WERE EXPLORED
WITH COUNSEL. INGERSOLL

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